

HIS APPENDIX TIED WITH AN "E" STRING

Catgut Was Scarce in an Operation Aboard Uranium at Sea.

CAPTAIN AND PURSER HELPED

Scalpel Applied to Passenger With Ship Going Full Speed.

New York, January 13.—Remarkable circumstances attended an operation for appendicitis performed on the Uranium liner Uranium while that vessel was on her way to this port from Rotterdam. The operation was successful, and when the liner arrived here yesterday the patient, a steerage passenger, was so far recovered that he was able to go to Ellis Island with his fellow travelers.

The Uranium left Rotterdam on December 30. When the vessel was not many hours from port a man named Bernsch, in the steerage, was taken ill. Dr. Joseph Connolly, ship's surgeon, diagnosed the case as appendicitis. On New Year's Day the man's condition became such that an immediate operation was imperative.

Dr. Connolly has hardly got his sea legs. He completed his first round trip across the Atlantic yesterday, having shipped soon after completing his internship in St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn. He conferred with Captain Agassiz and the purser of the vessel. The latter has taken part in one or two other operations at sea. Both agreed to act as his assistants.

There was no operating room on the vessel, and stewards were sent to clear the smoking-room. When this was done the surgeon built an operating table in the center of the room in a space made by clearing away tables and chairs. The room was then fumigated.

When the patient was brought in, the Uranium was running through a comparatively smooth sea, and it was decided not to slow down. Captain Agassiz was selected to administer the chloroform, being instructed by the surgeon in his duties.

Dr. Connolly found that his supply of catgut was not sufficient for tying up the severed end of the patient's appendix. He was in a quandary until Captain Agassiz came to the rescue. He is something of a musician, and when the question was under consideration he remembered that the only catgut on board outside of the limited supply in the surgeon's kit was stretched across the bridge of his beloved violin. The violin was brought out and Dr. Connolly selected the E string as suitable for his purpose. It was removed from the instrument and sterilized.

For half an hour the patient was under chloroform, while the surgeon and his volunteer assistants worked over him. The Marine Hospital surgeon who visited the vessel yesterday to inspect her passengers said that the operation was well performed. Dr. Connolly performed the operation as the ship reeled off the knots. With the string from the skipper's violin he neatly tied up the end of the severed appendix.

The patient was then removed to the ship's hospital and placed in the care of a special steward. No bad symptoms developed, and his progress toward recovery was steady. Dr. Connolly made a full report of the operation to the government surgeon.

Bernsch is an Austrian, twenty-two years old, with a rugged frame. He came over to visit an uncle living in this city.

Ashland News Notes.

Ashland, Va., January 13.—A delightful hop was given at the Auditorium on Thursday night. Among the dancers were: Misses Blackley, of Kentucky; Eleanor Scott, of Radford; May Baldwin, Alice Howison, Pages Nixon, Conda Bridges, Augusta Nixon, Emma Lee, Fiddly, Louise Ware, Imogene Riddick, Ruth Blakey, Anne Hunter, Messrs. Harry Rowe, Eugene Noel, Letch Wright, Warner Pentress, Edward Turner, Marshall Ellis, Jr., John Priddy, Cecil Young, Woodward, Bain, Pope, Cardwell, Stanley Blanton.

The bridge class met this afternoon with Mrs. Sue Wright. Those playing were: Mesdames John Addison, late Chenery, Anna Carr, George Morris, Drevy Kerr, Schooler, Fox, Clarence Wright, James Chenery, Leslie Ellis, William McKee, Julius Riddick, Hill Carter, Jr., Ernest Grey, Misses Anna Vaden, Lou Redd and Annie Doswell.

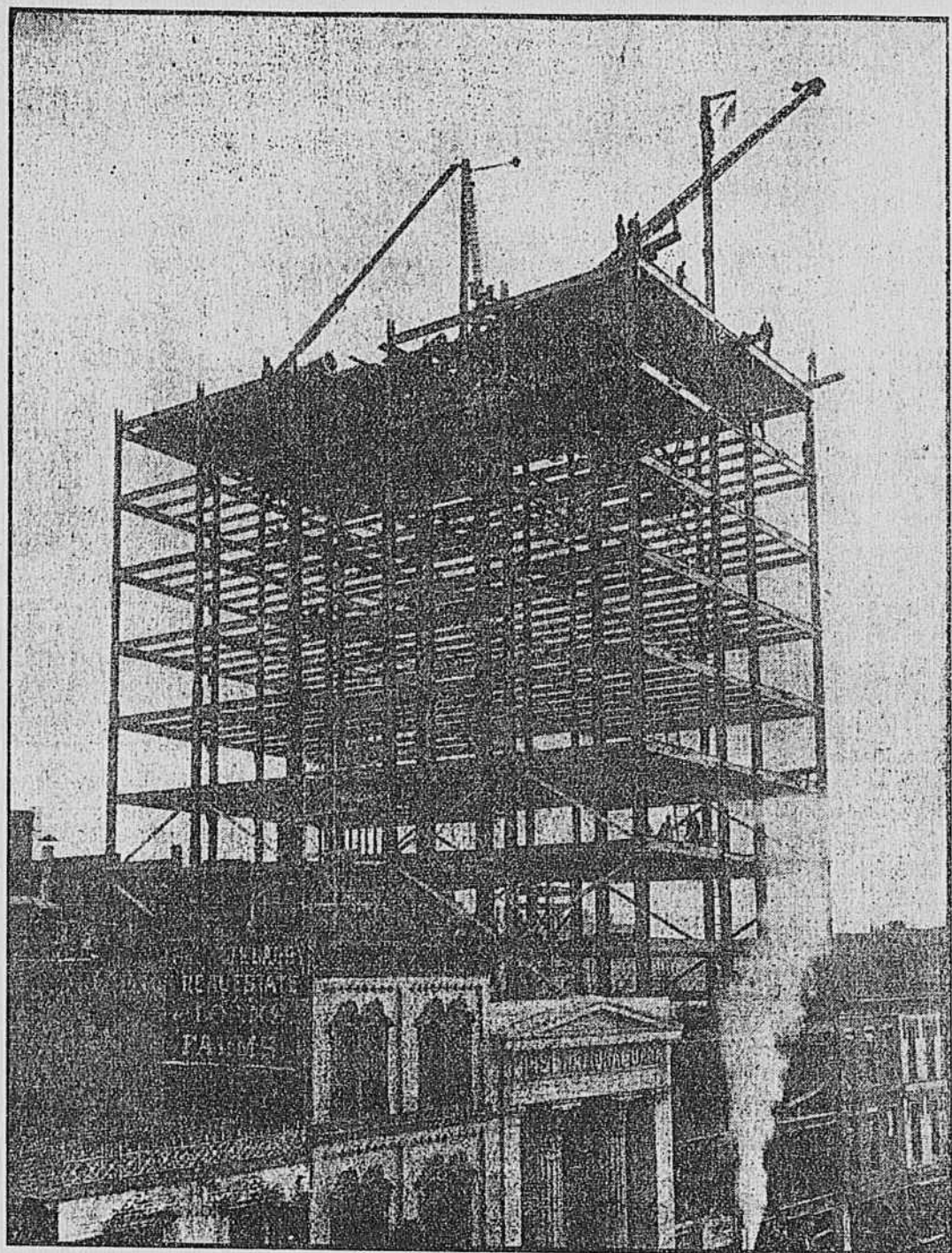
Misses Lucy Beveridge and Katherine Robinson are guests of Miss Imogene Riddick, at the Henry Clay Inn.

Fitzhugh White, of Savannah, Ga., is the guest of Mrs. Rice Warren.

Percy Howard and little daughter, of West Virginia, are visiting Mrs. Overton Howard.

Rutherford Fleet is on a business trip to Augusta, Ga.

Hoisting American Flag Over Skyscraper



Vice-President Henry S. Wallerstein, of the Richmond Building Corporation, yesterday morning hoisted the United States flag to the topmost point of the new Virginia Trust Company building. The little piece of bunting that now flutters from a single pillar of steel

marks the thirteenth story of Richmond's latest skyscraper. The street was lined with spectators when the steel upright was made fast. Then one of the daring workmen shinned up to the dizzy height of 175 feet and attached a little pulley, by which the flag was hoisted from the

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